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Dear Ms. Barris:

I am writing in response to your request for additional Northern California representation on the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). As you know, BDAC is the major public body advising the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The Council has representatives from all geographic areas of California. Council members are also leaders of major constituent groups in California with an interest in the state's water future.

Currently, the Council has four representatives from Northern California north of Sacramento: Judith Redmond (resides in Guinda), Director Emeritus of the California Alliance of Family Farmers; Tib Belza (Marysville), Chair of the Northern California Water Association; Don Bransford (farmer in Colusa), Chair of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District; and, Robert Meacher (Taylorsville), Plumas County Supervisor and also a representative of the Regional Council of Rural Counties. In addition, Martha Davis, who is an active member of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, joined BDAC in October 1997. She provides a strong voice for the upper watershed constituencies. In our opinion, the interests expressed by many people at the BDAC meeting in Redding are that they are being well represented by our current Council membership.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is currently in the process of increasing staff resources for the Watershed Management Program. At the same time, we are in discussion with BDAC members regarding the formation of a new BDAC Work Group on Watershed Management. This work group will provide another opportunity for direct public participation in the development of the CALFED Watershed Program. Please let Mary Selkirk at the CALFED office know if you might be interested in participating in the new work group.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
• State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in CALFED and for your remarks at the BDAC meeting on May 14. The Program will succeed only to the extent that it is responsive to the kinds of local concerns you expressed to BDAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Madigan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Madigan, Chair
Bay-Delta Advisory Council